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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE - CHUNG IL KWON VISIT

FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WAS PREPARED FOR MAY 6 NOON PRESS
BRIEFING. QUOTE:

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE VISIT
OF KOREAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEAKER CHONG IL KWOW?

A: SPEAKER CHONG, A FORMER PRIME MINISTER, AND AMBASSADOR
HERE IN WASHINGTON, IS LEADING A GROUP OF SIX MEMBERS OF
THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WHO ARE PASSING THROUGH THE UNITED
STATES ON THEIR WAY TO MEETINGS IN EUROPE. YESTERDAY,
THE SPEAKER PAID A COURTESY, AND PERSONAL CALL ON THE
SECRETARY--HE WAS A STUDENT OF THE SECRETARY'S AT A HARVARD
INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SEMINAR. HE WILL ALSO BE CALLING
ON THE VICE PRESIDENT MAY 7. FOR THE DETAILS OF HIS
SCHEDULE I SUGGEST YOU CONTACT THE KOREAN EMBASSY HERE.

Q: WAS THE SUBJECT OF KOREAN SECURITY DISCUSSED?

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A: I DON'T BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO GO INTO THE
SUBSTANCE OF PRIVATE TALKS BUT, IN THIS CONNECTION, I
WOULD CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE COMMENTS OF THE SECRETARY

THIS MORNING ON THE "TODAY" SHOW IN WHICH HE SAID THERE
SHOULD BE NO AMBIGUITY ABOUT OUR COMMITMENT TO SOUTH
KOREA SINCE WE HAVE A TREATY RATIFIED BY CONGRESS. ANY
FAILURE TO HONOR THAT TREATY, HE SAID, WOULD BE SEEN
AS THE FINAL WITHDRAWAL OF OUR WHOLE POSTWAR FOREIGN
POLICY. KISSINGER

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